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SENATE BILL 963 By
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HOUSE BILL 1471
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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3, Chapter 1,
Part 1, relative to salaries of members of the general
assembly.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by
adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

Section _____. (a) There is hereby created a special Blue Ribbon committee
consisting of ten (10) citizens to study the compensation of members of the general
assembly.

(b) Eight (8) of the committee members shall be appointed jointly by the
speakers of the senate and house of representatives and is to consist of one person
representing each of the following areas of interest: labor, education, law,
communications, business, restaurant/innkeepers, a retired legislator, finance. Two (2)
additional persons shall be appointed, one (1) by each speaker.

(c) The members shall serve without pay but may be reimbursed for expenses in
attending meetings of the committee as provided by the comprehensive travel
regulations promulgated by the department of finance and administration and approved
by the attorney general and reporter.

(d) The staff of the Fiscal Review Committee shall provide all staff assistance for
the special committee.

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(e) In addition to considering the adequacy of the compensation, the committee shall make a determination whether the salaries shall be tied to increases received by state employees, to a cost-of-living factor or to any other index.

(f) The committee shall report its findings and recommendations to the general assembly no later than February 1, 1998, at which time the committee shall cease to exist.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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